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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/748,833	ANDERS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Jason Crawford	2819	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/26/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-2, 4, 6-7, 9-12 and 14-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                      |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____    | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Miscellaneous*

The Applicant has cancelled claims 3, 5, 8 and 13; therefore only claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, 9-12 and 14-16 remain for this Office Action.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, 9-12 and 14-16 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regards to claim 1, the prior art discloses of a circuit comprising a static low-swing driver circuit to receive a full-swing input signal to convert the full-swing input signal to a low-swing input signal and to transmit the low-swing input signal, and a dynamic receiver circuit to receive the low-swing input signal and to convert the low-swing input signal, however, the prior art does not directly disclose of a driver circuit with an inverter and delay element coupled to an input line wherein the output of the inverter goes to a gate of a first transistor that has a drain coupled to a first voltage that is lower than the supply voltage and a second transistor that has a gate coupled to the output of the delay element wherein the drain of the second transistor is coupled to the source of the first transistor, nor would it have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to do so. Claims 2, 4 and 6-7 are also allowed as being dependent on claim 1.

In regards to claim 9, the prior art does not directly disclose of a driver circuit with an inverter and delay element coupled to an input line wherein the output of the inverter goes to a gate of a first transistor that has a drain coupled to a first voltage that is lower

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than the supply voltage and a second transistor that has a gate coupled to the output of the delay element wherein the drain of the second transistor is coupled to the source of the first transistor, nor would it have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to do so.

Claim 10 is also allowed as being dependent on the allowable claim 9.

In regards to claim 11, the prior art discloses of a circuit comprising a static low-swing driver circuit to receive a full-swing input signal to convert the full-swing input signal to a low-swing input signal and to transmit the low-swing input signal and a dynamic receiver circuit to receive the low-swing input signal and to convert the low-swing input signal to a full-swing signal wherein the circuit is comprised within a processor unit coupled to a double data rate memory, however, the prior art does not directly disclose of a driver circuit with an inverter and delay element coupled to an input line wherein the output of the inverter goes to a gate of a first transistor that has a drain coupled to a first voltage that is lower than the supply voltage and a second transistor that has a gate coupled to the output of the delay element wherein the drain of the second transistor is coupled to the source of the first transistor, nor would it have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to do so. Claims 12, 14 and 15 are also allowed as being dependent on claim 11.

In regards to claim 16, the prior art discloses of a circuit comprising a static low-swing driver circuit to receive a full-swing input signal to convert the full-swing input signal to a low-swing input signal and to transmit the low-swing input signal, and a dynamic receiver circuit to receive the low-swing input signal and to convert the low-swing input signal, however, the prior art does not directly disclose of the receiver

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comprises an input line, an inverter coupled to  $V_{SS}$  and to a first voltage less than  $V_{SS}$ , the inverter coupled to a clock signal and a pull-up transistor coupled to the output of the inverter and to  $V_{CC}$ , nor would it have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to do so.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### **Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Crawford whose telephone number is 571-272-6004. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rex Barnie can be reached on 571-272-7492. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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